**Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 12, 2010**

## REPORTS

**Minute No. 282 Recycling Depot Initiatives**
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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg Public Service be directed to work with the Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association (CBCRA) to explore the implementation of a public spaces recycling pilot project for the City of Winnipeg, and provide quarterly status updates to the Executive Policy Committee on the status of this pilot project.

2 That the Province of Manitoba be encouraged to reduce waste, increase recycling and provide province-wide incentives for recovery of plastic and glass containers by exploring:

   (i) the implementation of voluntary depot programs in the Province of Manitoba;
   (ii) the provision of economic incentives for returning containers to voluntary depots;
   (iii) the inclusion of beverage and non-beverage containers in voluntary depot programs (i.e. glass bottles, plastic bottles, Tetra Pak containers).

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Deputy Mayor Swandel to the Chair in order to move the following motion.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the following resolution (published as part of the agenda for the Executive Policy Committee) be filed:

WHEREAS Manitoba has implemented only municipal curbside recycling programs for plastic and glass containers;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia, Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan have deposit return programs for plastic and glass containers;

AND WHEREAS the Environment of Plastics Industry Council's 2004 report indicated that "recovery and recycling of plastic bottles in Canada varies dramatically based on the province and the bottle type";

AND WHEREAS in 2004 plastic beverage bottle recovery in Manitoba (30%) was less than half the recovery rate in British Columbia (78%);

AND WHEREAS in 2008 the Province of Manitoba had the second-highest increase in trash in the country as well as the worst recycling rate in Canada;

AND WHEREAS recycling of plastic bottles and non-beverage containers in Winnipeg is governed by the Province of Manitoba (Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM)) through a Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation under the authority of the Waste Reduction and Prevention Act;

AND WHEREAS the 2010 Provincial Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) Stewardship Program Plan outlines that residential collection can include "curbside and depot systems that can be public and privately delivered";

AND WHEREAS the PPP Program Plan indicates that MMSM "will consult with municipalities…regarding best practices to recycling collection and processing in their communities";

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg encourage the Province of Manitoba to reduce waste, increase recycling and provide province-wide incentives for recovery of plastic and glass containers by:

(i) implementing voluntary depot programs in the Province of Manitoba;
(ii) providing economic incentives for returning containers to voluntary depots;
(iii) including beverage and non-beverage containers in voluntary depot programs (i.e. glass bottles, plastic bottles, Tetra Pak containers);

Carried

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

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AND WHEREAS British Columbia, Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan have deposit return programs for plastic and glass containers;

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AND WHEREAS the 2010 Provincial Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) Stewardship Program Plan outlines that residential collection can include "curbside and depot systems that can be public and privately delivered";

AND WHEREAS the PPP Program Plan indicates that MMSM "will consult with municipalities…regarding best practices to recycling collection and processing in their communities";

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association (CBCRA) has approached the City of Winnipeg with a proposal for a public spaces recycling pilot project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Policy Committee:

(1) directs the City of Winnipeg Public Service to work with the CBCRA to explore the implementation of a public spaces recycling pilot project for the City of Winnipeg, and provide quarterly status updates to the Executive Policy Committee on the status of this pilot project; and

(2) encourages the Province of Manitoba to reduce waste, increase recycling and provide province-wide incentives for recovery of plastic and glass containers by exploring:

(i) the implementation of voluntary depot programs in the Province of Manitoba;
(ii) the provision of economic incentives for returning containers to voluntary depots;
(iii) the inclusion of beverage and non-beverage containers in voluntary depot programs (i.e. glass bottles, plastic bottles, Tetra Pak containers),

and forwarded the matter to Council.

Carried

The Chairperson resumed the Chair.